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1. SUMMARY: DR. RUTH MORGENTHAU COMPLETED FOOD CORPS
CONSULTATIONS IN SENEGAL MARCH 30, MEETING WITH PRESIDENT
SENGHOR (SEPTTEL), MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT DJIBRIL
SENE, MINISTER OF EQUIPMENT AND CILLSS COORDINATOR ADRIEN
SENGHOR AND OMVS HIGH COMMISSIONER MAMADOU AW. (REF A
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REPORTED MARCH 23 DISCUSSIONS WITH MAME SAMBOU TOURE,
RDONSEILLER TECHNIQUE TO ADRIEN SENGHOR.) SENEGALESE
AFFRIMED THEIR INTEREST IN FOOD CORPS AND INDICATED
THEY LOOK FORWARD TO FULL DISCUSSION OF TOPIC DURING
BAMAKO CILSS MEETING IN MAY. ADRIEN SENGHOR PLANS
US TRAVEL IN NEXT WO WEEKS IN SUPPORT OF OMVS FUND-
RAISING EFFORTS. END SUMMARY.

2. DR. MORGENTHAU MET MARCH 30 WITH ADRIEN SENGHOR, MINISTER COORDINATOR IN CHARGE OF CILSS. MAME SAMBOU TOURE, CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED SENGHOR TO ROME, ALSO TOOK PART IN MEETING. MORGENTHAU BROUGHT SENGHOR UP TO DATE ON THE FOOD CORPS CONSULTATIONS IN OUAGADOUGOU AND BAMAKO. SENGHOR EXPRESSED HIS SATISFACTION THAT PLANNING FOR PILOT PROJECTS FOR FOOD CORPS IS IN MOTION. HE SAID THAT NOW THAT FOOD CORPS WAS ON THE CILSS AGENDA FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETINGS IN BAMAKO IN MAY, THE IDEA IS ACCEPTED, AND WE SHOULD ACT AS IF THE INTERMINISTERIAL DECISION TO GO AHEAD WERE ALREADY TAKEN. HE INSTRUCTED TOURE TO WORK WITH ALY CISSE IN PREPARING THE NECESSARY ON PLANNING METHODS OF RECRUITMENT, TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, SUPPORT SERVICES, AND CONCRETE WORK PROJECTS, AND SELECTION OF PILOT VILLAGES.

3. SENGHOR ASKED HELP FOR CILSS TO OBTAIN THE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES WHICH COULD SEE FOOD CORPS THROUGH THE FIRST THREE YEARS. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE, AND STATED BILATERAL FUNDING WAS EASIER TO WORK WITH AT THIS STAGE THAN MULTILATERAL, OR FAO FUNDING. ADRIEN SENGHOR SAID HE PLANNED TO BE IN THE US IN ABOUT TEN DAYS, AS REPORTED REF B. (MAMADOU AW, DIRECTOR OF OMVS (SENEGAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION) CONFIRMED THAT ADRIEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENGHOR'S US VISIT HAS AS ONE OBJECTIVE GAINING US BACKING FOR OMVS PROJECTS TO SUPPLEMENT FUNDS RECENTLY PROMISED IN MIDDLE EAST.) SENGHOR SAID HE WOULD BE SEEKING HELP IN ARRANGING CONGRESSIONAL CONTACTS FOR US VISITS INCLUDING MAY TRIP BY CILSS PRESIDENT JAWARA (BANJUL 0509).

4. DR. MORGENTHAU ALSO CALLED ON DJIBRIL SENE, NEW SENEGALESE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT, TO EXPLAIN FOOD CORPS. HE SAID THAT, AT LEAST UNTIL THE END OF THIS YEAR, ADRIEN SENGHOR WOULD HANDLE CILSS FOR SENEGAL. SENE SAID HE NEEDED TO DEVOTE HIS ENERGIES TO LEARNING ABOUT HIS MINISTERIAL TASKS, BEFORE HE TAKES UP REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS.
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